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IEMA Begins Work to Help the City of Berwyn Recoup Expenses from February 1, 2011 Winter Storm

Federal assistance approved

Following approval Thursday of the state's request for federal aid for 60 counties affected by the early February winter storm, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) today said it is beginning the process to help local governments in those counties receive that assistance.

"City of Berwyn staff has been working closely with state and federal officials to recoup monies spent on the devastating snow storm that struck our region on February 1 and 2, 2011," said Mayor Lovero. "Thanks to our quick response and excellent relationship with FEMA and IEMA officials, we are optimistic that we will receive the reimbursement monies applied for."

In mid-February, representatives from IEMA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency reviewed expenses submitted by the state, the City of Berwyn and other local governments related to storm response and recovery.

"I am proud of the state's response to the worst winter storm we have faced in decades," said Governor Quinn. "Working together, our state agencies like IEMA, the State Police and more rescued thousands of motorists and saved lives. And with this federal assistance, the communities that were hit hard can focus on their recovery."

On February 28, 2011, Governor Quinn requested that 60 counties receive federal reimbursement for extraordinary storm-related expenses, including emergency protective measures, debris removal and permanent repair of damages to government-owned facilities and electrical cooperatives. The City of Berwyn is now eligible to receive reimbursement for 75 percent of their eligible storm-related expenses.